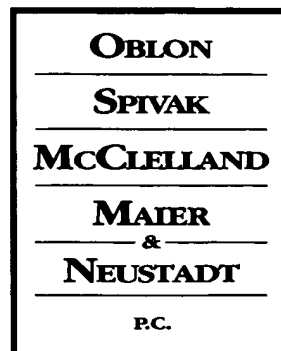


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Examiner: PHAM, T.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Our check in the amount of -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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SIR:

Subsequent to the Amendment being filed on June 28, 2005, in the present application, on July 12, 2005 Applicant' representative and Examiners Pham and Garcia conducted a personal interview to discuss the present application.

Applicant and applicants' representative initially wish to thank Examiners Pham and Garcia for the courtesies extended during the interview.

During the interview applicants' represented presented comments to the allowability of the claims over the applied art, emphasizing comments presented in the Response filed June 28, 2005. Particularly, during the interview comments were presented that emphasized that the applied art to Suzuki did not disclose any operation in which the host computer 41 transmitted early message state data to any device, such as the relay 2, and particularly no teaching in Suzuki disclosed such transmitted data being set in the relay 2.

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The Examiners indicated they would further consider such comments in the Response
filed June 28, 2005.

In view of the Response filed June 28, 2005, the present application is believed to be
in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to
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